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Above is the precise moment the two barges collided at the weekend - captured by our photographer. And the damage left to the side of the Marjorie (inset) is only too clear to see after the drama. Luckily no-one was hurt in the incident, but the cost of repair is expected to run into the thousands of pounds

BY NICK AMES

RACE organisers of the annual Swale Barge Match at the weekend says the crew of a barge left sinking after being hit by a competitor are lucky to be alive.

The wooden sailing ship Marjorie – with two children among its crew – was left stricken after she suffered a gash in her port side following the collision with the steel-hulled Repertor which had a charter party of 17 on board.

Repertor's crew said they were forced to take emergency evasive manoeuvres as the bow of the Marjorie bore down on them.

Race secretary Lena Reekie said: "It could have been far worse. The bowsprit of the Marjorie was heading for the middle of the Repertor at one stage. People could have been hurt or even killed – we are just thankful no-one was. This was a really narrow escape."

The accident took place in rough conditions as the two ships entered the Swale Estuary heading for Faversham.

They were both on the Sheppey side of the channel where they were experiencing a hard swell.

The alarm was raised and both the Sheerness and

Mitstable lifeboat raced to the scene.

Rescue workers arrived to find the Marjorie had been beached on a sandbank to prevent her sinking, but water had already reached the hold area.

Lifeboat crews used salvage pumps to remove

the water from the damaged vessel while two small children and their mother were removed by the tug X

Pilot which had been escorting the race.

Further pumps from the Repertor and the nearby vessel Gladys helped to stabilise the Marjorie, which was built in 1901, while crew members used tarpaulin and plywood to effect emergency repairs.

She was then towed into deeper water and managed to limp into Faversham Creek under her own power.

A spokesman for the Royal National Lifeboat

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Equestrian firefighters riding high

BY GARETH ARNOLD

WHILE the attention of the sporting world is on the Beijing Olympics, horse-riding firefighters are going for gold in their very own world championship open to fire crews from across the world.

Faversham firefighter Louise Ayley and Canterbury firefighter Emma Reynolds will compete along-Emma Reynolos Will compete along-side Cheryl Garland, whose partner Dave Hulks also works from Canterbury fire station, in the 10th World Firefighter Games this

The Games, held every two years, are open to all firefighters and their partners and attract 2,000 competitors from as far afield as New Zealand, South Africa and Thailand.

The trio have been selected to fly the flag for Britain at the event in Liverpool, which runs from August 24, the start of the London 2012 Olympiad - the four-year cycle leading up to the Games - to September

They will compete against 40 countries in the equestrian event, battling for medal glory at the world famous Aintree racecourse on August 27 and 28.

All three will be taking part in the preliminary level dressage tests and show-jumping classes, with Miss Reynolds and Miss Ayley also taking

part in the novice level dressage.

Miss Reynolds said: "I'm a keen rider and when I saw the Games were coming to Liverpool I thought it looked like fun, so convinced Louise and Cheryl to take part, as we all own horses and compete at a local level.
"I'm entering both dressage classes

on my horse, Murphy, and even though we don't normally do show-jumping, I've had some lessons so I



BURNING AMBITION: Louise Ayley, Emma Reynolds and Cheryl Garland

can give it a go."

Miss Ayley, who is trained in animal rescue, is also taking part in the cycling event thanks to sponsorship

from Faversham Bikes.

She said: "There is a real sense of team spirit that echoes the camaraderie you experience working in the fire service.

There are 73 sporting events including as cycling, archery and basketball, and for the very first time, there is a place for show-jumping and dressage

The World Firefighter Games, a not-for-profit event, is on course to make £100,000 for charity, with funds mostly raised from competitors' contributions.

Once the Games have closed, the money will be shared equally between seven charities including the Firefighters Charity, formally the Fire Services National Benevoent Fund, the Burned Children's Club and the Roy Castle Lung Cancer

Barge match vessel holed

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Association said: "Our crews responded quickly after the alert from Thames Coastguard and were able to reach the vessels in time to pump out the Marjorie."

Ms Reekie added: "The collision

took place in bad conditions in a narrow channel but we are not sure of

the exact cause yet.

"All I can say is that it will be an expensive operation to fix the Marjorie."

The Swale Barge Match is now in its 34th year and brings together one of the largest gatherings of vintage and veteran craft in the south of England.

Routes are along the north Kent coast and around the Isle of Sheppey and it is very popular with spectators.

yourswale **NEWS** IN BRIEF

Don't miss our Lisa's Olympics diary blog

RUNNER Lisa Dobriskey is writing an exclusive daily diary for KOS Media during the Olympic Games.

The 24-year-old, from Ashford, is competing in the 1,500m at Beijing, where she will look to add to the Commonwealth Games title she won in Melbourne two years ago.

Turn to nage 43 to read her thoughts

Turn to page 43 to read her thoughts on the first few days in Team GB's training camp in Macau. For the latest entries, log on to our website at www.kentnews.co.uk throughout the

Ready to celebrate the delicious hop

FAVERSHAM International Hop Festival takes place later this month with 20,000 people expected to enjoy a weekend of entertainment, food,

and, of course, beer.

Morris dancers, stilt-walkers and other street entertainers will be performing in the town centre, and there will be live music from three stages: in Market Place, Upper Preston Street and outside the Swan and Harlequin pub in Quay Lane.
A festival information centre will be

open throughout the weekend next to the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre, 10-11 Preston Street. The festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August

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Get ready for a blast from the past at Farming World

Crowds set to flock to weekend of Mayhem

BY GARETH ARNOLD

A FRIENDLY invasion will take place later this month as Farming World hosts a weekend of Military Mayhem.

Army vehicles ranging from veterans of the 1940s to modern hardware are massing for an all-out assault on the senses at the end of August in a show that will include everything from re-enactments to dancing lessons.

A wide range of living history displays will be bringing past conflicts back to life, while sea cadets from Sheppey and Medway battle it out in the famous naval gun run as they transport

a wheeled artillery piece around the arena.

Military vehicles from every era and from all over the world will be represented, but the show will focus on World War Two, with a 1940s fire engine display and a genuine Anderson

shelter and a Spitfire.

Even the catering will have a Dad's Army feel, with crowds able to buy food from wartime delivery vans and other themed vehicles.

And in the evening a 1940s-style troupe will lead visitors in a wartime dance party in the decked out marquee featuring the Kent Lindy Hoppers and tribute troupe The Clover Sisters. Lessons will also be available during the day

for those who feel the need to polish up on their

And it is not just heavy metal on the ground that will be wowing the crowds. Looking to the skies visitors can enjoy several fly-pasts includ-ing a Spitfire and 1940s Piper Cub.



FINEST HOUR: Farming World is preparing to host a weekend of Military Mayhem this month

And if you fancy taking to the air yourself there will be helicopter flights on offer, while

those who would rather stay earthbound can have a ride in a tank.

Money will be raised to support the Royal British Legion and there will be the chance to win prizes including a helicopter ride and a mountain bile. mountain bike

There will also be stalls selling military

curios so fans can snap up the odd bargain. Military Mayhem is at Farming World, off junction 7 of the A299, on Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31.

A family ticket for two adults and two children is £20, with separate adult tickets £7 each and children and pensioners £4 each.

mavhemshow@aol.com 07951059180 for tickets.

Texting teenagers brought to book

will be sent directly to teenagers' phones by text message under a scheme being piloted in Swale.

The initiative is part of the National Year of Reading, designed to encourage young people to read more.

A teenage text reading group has been launched by Kent Libraries and Archives in partnership with Swale council and Kent Safe Schools, which gives 11 to 19-year-olds the chance to borrow a book from their local library and then chat about it online at www.boredinswale.co.uk.

Each month details of books, linked to recent cinema releases or DVDs, will be sent out by text message to teenagers registered to the site.

The books will be available to borrow

from any Swale library and a virtual dis-cussion group will be maintained on the Swale council website.

Members will also receive special offers for a free DVD loan linked to the book of the month.

Contact Daren Kearl on 01227 463608 daren.kearl@kent.gov.uk for more infor-



Drama at brewery as car crashes

A MAN was airlifted to hospital after a car struck part of the Shepherd Neame brewery building in the centre of Faversham.

He was taken by Kent Air Ambulance to the Royal London Hospital after the vehicle hit the bottling hall doors and a reinforced security post in Court Street, shortly after 4pm on Saturday

The injured man's condition was described as "good".

The fire, police and ambulance services were called to the scene of the accident, which took place during the busy Saturday afternoon shopping period and brought parts

of the town centre to a standstill.

No one else was hurt and production at the brewery was not affect-

A Shepherd Neame spokesman said the firm was helping police in their inquiries by providing CCTV footage from the scene.

• The Kent Air Ambulance was grounded later that day over safety fears surrounding a similar machine flown by the London Air Ambulance service.

A replacement machine was back in the skies by Tuesday.

Tributes paid after councillor's death

death of Conservative councillor

Cllr Disney, who represented Teynham and Lynsted, died in hosand Lynsted, died in hospital on Thursday last week. He was 68.

As executive holder for the envi-ronment, Cllr Disney championed recycling and took an active part in the development and implementation of the twin-bin scheme.

Also a parish councillor for Lynsted and Teynham, he was instrumental in setting up the Park Farm cherry orchard project and involved in funding to promote its heritage. He was married to Marlene, with two sons, David and Michael.

Swale council leader Cllr Andrew Bowles said that in his short time as councillor John Disney had become an integral member of the communi-

He said: "What has struck me from the messages of condolence I have received is how widely respected Cllr Disney was among not only serving but former councillors from other political parties.

"His death is not only a great loss to Swale, as I believe his influence



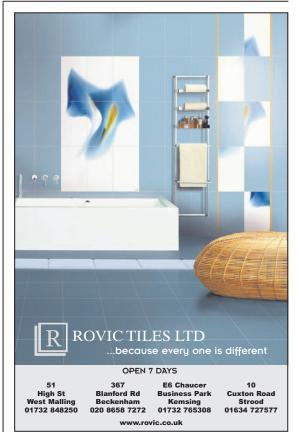
RESPECTED: Cllr John Disney

could well have spread beyond the community in the future."

Mike Fisher, the council's interim chief executive, said: "I was most distressed to hear of John's death.

"I had been greatly impressed by the way he put his heart and soul into his work and by his total com-mitment to the community. He will be missed very much.'

A formal request to hold a by-elec-tion has been received and Cllr Disney's family have requested that election arrangements for Lynsted ward be reviewed after the funeral.





Soldier driven on by her mum's support

LIKE all parents of soldiers in Afghanistan, Kirsty Hamer's mum Sharon worries about her daughter being in a warzone.

However, she only has herself to blame – as it was her who suggested the idea of joining the Army to Private Hamer, 20, from Stanhope, Ashford.

Almost immediately after joining her unit in January, she was told she would be going to Afghanistan.

"It's exciting because you join the Army to do this," said the driver with the Royal Logistics Corps. "This is the real thing." After leaving Christ Church school, Pte

Hamer was unsure what to do for a career.
"I had a couple of jobs, but I wasn't a very well-behaved teenager so I had to do some-

Her mother saw an advert for a course run by an ex-soldier for youngsters interested in joining the military and persuaded her daughter to go along.

her daughter to go along.

Now, Pte Hamer is a driver at Kandahar airbase in southern Afghanistan and her duties include getting behind the wheel of ambulances.

Scottish family have their base in the city

FOR Andy Scott, as with most of the men of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots), his base in Canterbury is a long way from

But Private Scott, 29, from Paisley, said he and his wife, Cheryl, love the

cathedral city.
"I like Canterbury," he said. "It's a lovely city. It's scenic and there's quite a lot to do for families."

He has been based there for four-and-a-half years.

When he was last home in June, he and his wife celebrated the birth of their first child, Abbey, Pte Scott, who works in the supplies section at Camp Bastion, the main British base in Helmand Province, said he missed his daughter

his daughter.

"My dad and wife sent pictures and videos, it's a wee bit hard," he said.

But he is able to speak to his wife every day on the phone and said the battalion organises activities to keep families at home busy.

Pte Scott has been in the Army for six years, serving in Bosnia and Iraq, but said the Afghan tour was probably the toughest.

Troops are bringing



ON TOUR: British forces are bringing stability to the area through their continued efforts, as explained to Jamie McGinnes by Capt Stevie Rae in the middle picture. Far right is the Sutherland Highlanders on parade before they were sent to Helmand Province in Afghanistan

Jamie McGinnes, the award-winning reporter from our sister paper Kent on Sunday, jetted into Afghanistan last week to get the lowdown on life on the frontline. In a



special report filed from the notorious Helmand Province, McGinnes reveals what life is like for the Kentbased troops as they wage war against the Taliban.

WHEN soldiers from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots) were sent to Forward Operating Base (FOB) Delhi, in southern Helmand Province, the outlook was bleak.

After travelling from Howe Barracks, Canterbury, in March, around 120 troops went straight into the action at the fortified outpost in Garmsir, near the small town of Darvisham. "When A Company arrived at FOB Delhi, the frontline was 200m away and they were fighting for the first two months – intense fighting," Captain Stevie Rae, spokesman for 5 Scots, explained. "Now, with the assistance of the Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), the community are back in the town."

The arrival of the 2,000-strong American force was too much for the Taliban to handle.

Capt Rae said: "It wasn't long after 'A' Company arrived that MEU conducted their operation in the south. The Taliban were caught off guard and were clearly overwhelmed with the speed of ISAF (Inter-

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Sergeant turns up the heat to acclimatise

JOGGING in temperatures in excess of 50C may seem like madness to Britons used to summers that are half as hot.

But for Sergeant Jamie Wright, 34, from Chatham, it helped him acclimatise to desert conditions in Afghanistan.

And the RAF flight operations manager at Kandahar airbase, who has previously been based in the Falklands, the Gulf and Cyprus, waits until it is hottest.

"The heat's fine – I go running in it," he said. "I have to run at the hottest times of the day to get acclimatised."

Sgt Wright's job is an important – and sensitive – one. He briefs RAF flight crews on routes they can take and warns them of potential trouble spots.

"The picture changes all the time," he said. "It's a daily cycle of new information."

As well as military personnel and freight, the aircraft he works with often carry dignitaries, visitors include defence secretary Des Browne and Tory leader David Cameron.

Kandahar airbase has previously been under rocket attack by insurgents. No-one has been hit, but they have still caused alarm.

"There are natural worries when you get rocketed, but that's all quietened down now," said Sgt Wright.





life back to normal

national Security Assistance Force) troops. As a result, life for civilians in the area has

begun returning to normal.
"Businesses have opened, shops are trading, people are back in their houses and farmers in the fields," said Capt Rae. "This is something we didn't expect to see in six months. For us it's massive progress."

Around 550 soldiers from 5 Scots were sent to Afghanistan in March. As part of Battle Group North West, they are spread around an area covering 100,000sq miles, where

100,000 people live.

At Now Zad, 60 miles north of the provincial capital Lashkar Gah, 5 Scots have been

working with Estonian troops.

In the town of Musa Qala, recaptured from the Taliban in December with the help of Maidstone-based 36 Engineer Regiment, Maidstone-based 36 Engineer Regiment, Delta Company have been involved in "surge operations", hunting out the Taliban. The town, which is also home to the Royal Engineers, Royal Signals and US Marine Corps, has seen rocket and mortar attacks,

small arms fire and suicide bombings.

The Argylls' B Company – about 120 sol-

diers – are in Lashkar Gah. FOB Edinburgh, 7km from Musa Qala, is home to more of 5 Scots, as well as Kentish soldiers from the 2nd Battalion The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment.

Capt Rae said the isolation of the outpost meant it was formidable to attack: "It's so far from civilisation that if anyone's going to attack we can see them for kilometres."

The main threats to the base, which was only built at the start of this year, are improvised explosive devices, rockets or mortars, but it has not been targeted, said Capt Rae. The Kent battalion's tour of Helmand has

not been without setbacks, however. At the end of June, Lance Corporal James "Jimmy" Johnson, 31, who grew up in



Chatham, was killed while part of a vehicle

checkpoint patrol in the Lashkar Gar area.

And the battalion's commanding officer,
Lieutenant Colonel David Richmond, was shot in the leg during a firefight near Musa Qala. He was the most senior British casualty since the 2001 invasion.

Speaking in March, he said his battalion's job was to "disrupt" the Taliban: "It is about progress. We're not going to win the Afghan campaign in our six months.

The Argylls are due Canterbury in September. to return to



Nurturing the green, green grass of home

TROOPS have turned a small corner of Kandahar airbase into a green haven.

Lance Corporal Ernest Tabi, 29, from

Welling, helped create the square of grass, as well as a flag and rockery – the only one of its kind at the desert-locked site in Kandahar Province, southern Afghanistan.

A previous attempt to grow grass donated by Australian soldiers failed, but seeds given by Afghans have taken hold. However, the blades have to be watered every morning to keep them alive.

LCpl Tabi, an administrator with 6 Supply Regiment, said: "It's the only bit of green we see around here. It's something nice to look at and reminds us of home."

Although it is 20km from Kandahar City, the airbase's isolated setting has not spared it from the insurgents. Recent weeks have been quiet, but there were 40 attacks in two-months at the start of the summer.

Brave private tells of an 'annoying' attack

PRIVATE Josh Alder, 19, from Rainham, arrived in Afghanistan in May and in mid-June was called out from Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, near Musa Qala, to help

Clear Taliban fighters.

Working alongside Afghan National Army soldiers, about 100 US Marines, and supported by troops from 5 Scots, they began their 'advance to contact' at about midnight. The mission did not end until 24 hours later. In the face of a show of force against which

they stood no chance, the Taliban retreated north. As the British troops trekked after them, the mood became more tense when intercepted radio chatter revealed the

Taliban were preparing an ambush.
"They were saying 'the RPGs (rocket-propelled grenade launchers) and AKs are ready for the British' and that they could see us only 200 metres away," said Pte Alder, who is in a reconnaissance platoon of the 2nd Battalion The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment. However, the sound of gunfire elsewhere revealed the Taliban had mistaken the US Marines for British soldiers.

Pte Alder continued the Americans radioed

in an air strike.

That night, Pte Alder and the other soldiers moved into the desert and camped out before returning to base.

During a later mission to search villages near Musa Qala, thought to be harbouring Taliban fighters, soldiers found a bomb-making factory. After paying a family they commandeered their home for the night – and were attacked. The assault began with an RPG exploding over their heads, followed by machine gun fire.

"We'd been working 18 hours solid and we were starting to relax, so it was quite annoying," said Pte Alder.



He took cover in the family's prayer room and some of the soldiers were ordered on top of the compound to return fire, backed up by

Warrior armoured vehicles.

The battle went on for 45 minutes before artillery was called in.

"That dropped 15 high explosive shells on the village and that was it. That stopped them," explained Pte Alder. The former Brompton College pupil joined the Army at the age of 16 two years ago.

"The days are long, you carry a lot of equipment, it stretches you mentally and trying to stay alert all the time is hard," he said.

While outside their base, soldiers are

expected to carry on average about 80lbs of kit, not including their weapons, which themselves can weigh more than 30lbs.



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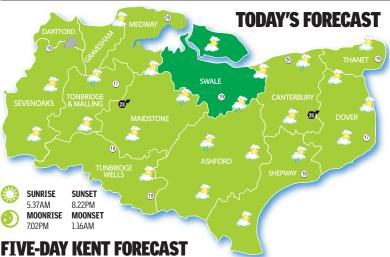
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Dover	Saturday	10:36am	5.8m
	Sunday	11:13am	6.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	10:21am	6.4m
	Sunday	11:07am	6.8m
Ramsgate	Saturday	11:06am	4.4m
	Sunday	11:43am	4.6m
Sheerness	Saturday	11:54am	5.0m
	Sunday	12:40pm	5.3m
Whitstable	Saturday	11:53am	4.8m
	Sunday	12:40pm	5.0m



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Cape Town	22°C	Tenerife	26°C
Cardiff	17°C	Tokyo	30°C
Gibraltar	30°C	Vancouver	20°C
Hong Kong	25°C	Warsaw	23°C
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Courses for the new generation of scientists

BY SARAH STEWART

THE Kent Science Resource Centre has unveiled a training scheme for those interested in a career in the pharmaceutical and biotech industry - both fields desperately in need of new recruits.

The centre, at Kent Science Park near Sittingbourne, will offer part-time foundation degrees in science and laboratory technology,

uegices in science and laboratory technology, and bio-manufacturing. The courses, provided by Mid Kent College and endorsed by the University of Kent, will start in September.

They will focus on laboratory practice, cell biology, biochemistry, and microbiology, as well

as human physiology and disease, plus organic and medicinal chemistry.

Kent Science Resource Centre director Paul
Walsh said the courses will be useful to those

keen to pursue a career in science.

He said: "Now is a great time to study for a career in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries as they are crying out, not only for scientists, but also for all the important technicians who play an invaluable role in the devel-opment of new treatments."

Those who wish to apply will preferably have a level 3 qualification, A level, BTEC or an Access Course. However, students who have been in work for more than two years will

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QUESTION & ANSWER



Now did you get into DJ-ing?

Through an old friend whose dad ran a venue called the Cellar Club in my home town in Devon. Originally they had a jukebox but in 1980 or '81 they brought in a disco and when the club was closed we used to sneak down there and get the lighting rig going and play tunes when no one was around

Two Tone was really big then and we used to play Madness, The Selector, The Beat, Bodysnatchers and stuff like that...

Do you think you are lucky to be doing what you do?

Luck certainly played a part but there was also a lot of hard graft too. When I first started I was doing a Saturday sports show on hospital radio.

I also used to do DJ-ing on a Friday night then get up at 7am to do a delivery round for the local butcher, go and do a couple of hours as a lifeguard before driving 35 miles to the hospital do my afternoon show.

Then I'd drive all the way back home before setting off to my next gig in the evening. I'd get back from that at about 3am absolutely shattered ready to do an early lifeguard shift the next day. I'd then drive 40 miles down to BBC Radio Devon to take part in their youth show, all unpaid of course, before getting home at about 2am the next day... everyone knew not to call me on a Monday morning!

Having said that it's a buzz when the red light comes on, and don't let anyone tell you

talking and playing music for a living is a bad job – they'd be fibbing. Mind you my mum still thinks I'm going to get a proper job one day!

What would you be doing with your life if not this?

I'd probably just be finishing a glorious professional football career with Manchester United and England, and be considering a move into management.

Where do you see yourself in five years time?

Happy, most importantly, and living in Kent with my family. From a work point of view we're are encouraged to learn new skills at the BBC, so perhaps there's a chance to do some camera work for TV.

Do you have any favourite parts of Kent?

I was a student in Canterbury so I'll always I was a student in Camerous you in amount have a soft spot for the cathedral city and in particular the New Inn on Havelock Street. Joss Bay on the coast is gorgeous, I can easily while away the hours browsing in Baggins bookshop in Rochester and finally I think Chartwell just outside Westerham has a very special atmosphere.

How much preparation goes into an average show?

There's an old rule in radio that suggests for every minute you're on the air you should spend two minutes preparing... it's not

a bad bit of advice. On the Big Drive Home I'm in at 11am and on air at 4pm, and very often could do with another hour or two! There's even more preparation for an outside broadcast or special event.

What is your greatest achievement?

From a work point of view, I will be my masters degree in media management my masters degree in media management of the presenting job From a work point of view, I think getting while holding down a full time presenting job took a great deal of discipline and endeavour. Although I'm glad I did it I wouldn't want to do it again – and if you're thinking of doing something similar you need very understanding friends and family.

What are your hobbies and interests?

A Surfing is up there at number one, although I don't have much chance to get in the water these days I really enjoy it when I do... when there's six feet of water bearing down on you, it focuses the mind quite quick-ly. I'm still attempting to play football at my ripe old age, and you can find me driving and inher our age, and you can mit me ut wring and tinkering with my Morris Minor (Just until I get my Jensen interceptor). To relax I get down on my allotment and waste time nattering to people when I should be digging or weeding.

() What five words sum you up?

Creative, enthusiastic, passionate, pragmatic and green-fingered!

The BBC Radio Kent DJ talks to Tom Betts about his luck and hard work securing such a job on the airwaves, his mum's hopes for his career, and why surfing the waves is his perfect way to unwind.

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Festival's got it all

BY CHRIS BRITCHER

IT'S back – and it's set to be bigger and better than ever before; brace yourself for the Canterbury Festival 2008.

Organisers revealed the packed programme for the two-week arts extravaganza this week – with more than 200 events scheduled and more than 70,000 people expected

to join in the fun.
What's more, festival chiefs say they are determined to make this year's event appeal to the widest possible audience – with performances as diverse as a potted play of the seven Harry Potter books in just 70 minutes, to the world premiere of a specially commissioned production to be staged in Canterbury Cathedral.

Kicking off with a colourful carnival through the streets on October 11, which already has more than 500 people agreeing to take part, the events will include comedy from well-known faces, a string of classical recitals, and appearances from musical stars such as Jose Gonzalez and the legendary Mick Fleetwood.

Speaking to Yourswale, festival director Rosie Turner said: "We want everyone to get involved this year and that's why we've made it our most varied programme yet.
"What's more, if there are things you'd like

to see for next year then let us know so we can act on everyone's views."

Among the highlights will be a five-night run of A Midsummer Night's Dream by the Footsbarn Theatre Company. Staged in a 400-seater, heated tent on the playing field of the Kingsmead Primary School, it is designed to appeal to the entire family and is set to be one of the most sought after tickets.

The cathedral will once again host a showcase drama performance, providing the imposing setting for the world premiere of Dallas Sweetman, a specially commissioned work by Sebastian Barry.

Comedy fans will have much to raise a smile about too, with the likes of Sandi Toksvig, Michael McIntyre, Andy Hamilton and Ed Byrne all taking to stages in and around the city.

Crime writer Ruth Rendell, historian



perform A Midsummer Night's Dream in a heated tent

case for your favourite from the shortlist for the Man Booker Prize - the UK's most prestigious fiction award.

To mark the 40th anniversary of the prize, six local writers will champion the six contenders with special book clubs set up to read all the volumes - and push for one to win the

The verdict from the Canterbury panel will be made just before a live link-up with the Booker Prize night ceremony for literary fans to watch how their decision compared with

that of the panel of expert judges.

• For the full list of events taking place, log-on to www.canterburyfestival.co.uk. And don't forget; if you attend events during the run between October 11-25 then make sure you upload your mobile phone clips of the events on our free, broadband TV website,

Shoebox gifts are a big deal for our troops

A NATIONAL appeal has been launched by Canterbury's Royal Marines Association for donations to fill thousands of shoeboxes - one for every soldier serving in Afghanistan. Welfare officer Anne-Marie Taylor has writ-

ten to dozens of companies large and small asking for supplies to pack into the boxes, due to be shipped out at Christmas time.

She hopes to provide a box for each of the

8,000 servicemen and women currently posted in Afghanistan, each one containing luxuries

they would normally only get back home.

She said: "We know they will be serving under extreme circumstances and operating in difficult and dangerous conditions. The necessities of life are generally in short supply and they will be dependent on families and friends to send what limited supplies of everyday

items and luxuries they are able to afford.
"This association has supported the various
Royal Marine Commando Units and supporting and attached military regiments during their deployment to Afghanistan. This has included the nurses who care for the injured."

Since 2006, the association has sent an ever increasing number of shoe boxes packed with food, toiletries and messages of support to troops stationed in Afghanistan.

If you would like to donate, contact Anne-Marie Taylor on anne@rmashoebox.com.

Students can share any fears with Samaritans

ON the eve of receiving their A level results, students suffering from exam stress have been urged to contact Canterbury Samaritans.

The charity, based in Northgate, offers confidential emotional support at any time of the night or day, for those suffering from last minute nerves

A spokesman said: "It can be a testing time, as young people experience a range of emo-tions as they wonder what the future holds. It can really help to talk to someone anonymous ly about how they're feeling.

If you want to talk to someone in confidence, call 08457 909090 or email io@samaritans.org.

David Starkey and Poet Laureate Andrew Motion will also be coming to the city for a series of talks, all of which will take place at the International Study Centre in the Cathedral Precincts

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Casual but smart way to combat hospital germs

DOCTORS have been told to ditch traditional long-sleeved white coats, shirts and ties for a dress code to help infection control.

The rules have sparked controversy among the county's consultants, with some question ing the scientific evidence behind the move.

There are also concerns some patients may

think they have gone through their hospital stay without seeing a "proper" doctor. Conventional garb of tailored suits, long sleeved-shirts and turnover cuffs, ties bearing university, medical school or Royal College insignia, wristwatches and a pen in the top pocket of the jacket is now banned and could constitute a

disciplinary offence is some hospitals.
"Bare below the elbows" is now in vogue, including no watch, so hands can be properly washed.

Doctors have also been told not to

wear ties, because they are rarely washed and have been shown to harbour germs, although bow ties are allowed under the NHS-wide directive from the Department of

East Kent Hospitals University

BY **JENNA PUDELEK**

NHS Trust began enforcing the new uniform policy in July.

Dr John Sewell, a consultant physician at

the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, said it was important for the public to be made aware of the change and that it was

being introduced to highlight the commitment to tackling infection and

improving hygiene.

"Patients may be disconcerted

"Patients may be disconcerted when they see an open neck and short sleeves and may think it is casual or even disrespectful," he said.
"It is useful to highlight the fact that consultants are changing what they wear so people know it is not dressing down, it is part of infection control. Some may disagree, but the general feeling is it reminds general feeling is it reminds everyone to wash their hands."

said in some specialties consultants feel it could be seen as disrespectful to impart bad or upsetting news to patients and loved ones while so casually dressed. Dr Sewell welcomed KOS



Media's successful hand hygiene campaign, which has emphasised the need for patients and visitors to wash their hands with soap and water and alcogel in hospitals and other healthcare centres around the county.

An alternative to the new dress code could be that all staff wear scrubs as they do in most other European countries. Perhaps in different colours to identify doctors' specialities, it has been suggested.

Dr Sewell said: "Most hospitals have so few by Sewent said: Most hospitals have so teve changing rooms there would be a queue to get in and out, so it is just not practical and the laundries are not geared up for it yet."

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and Medway NHS Foundation Trust confirmed the developed in the state of the said of the

firmed the dress code is now in force.

How KCC lost £1 million by agreeing to burn rubbish

A DECISION made a decade ago by Kent County Council is costing the authority almost £1 million a year profit, a council chief admitted this week.

By signing an agreement in the mid-90s to burn waste, the council has missed out on

the profits from recycling.

"Green gold" has become an important source of revenue for councils, with cash for such things as cardboard, newspapers and plastic bottles used to fund public services.

The decision to take on a contract with an incinerator means KCC has missed out on much of this potential windfall.

The soaring price of recycled materials has risen so sharply that less than halfway into a 25 year deal with a private company specialising in incineration KCC is trying to renegotiate.

"At the time it looked a good deal," said Keith Ferrin the council's cabinet member for environmental and waste services. "Ten years later I would say never again. If I could get out of the long term contract I have inherited I would do that. Over the course of a year we could make just under £1 million profit."

The agreement was for a private contractor to incinerate 320,000 tonnes of waste annually. It was reached before the incinerator had even been built so it had to be for

But few forecast the huge growth in the re-use of material that had been classed as rubbish in the mid-nineties.

Now much of the rubbish is too valuable to burn and much of the plastic the council formerly had removed is requested by companies in exchange for cash.

Serious price increases in such substances as copper - 15 times more valuable than it was six years ago - have helped spur on the recycling boom which has become more important to businesses than simply saving

Farmers are waiting to whet London's appetite

A BID to get more food produced by the county's farmers onto the dinner tables of London has been launched.

Damian Collins, the Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Folkestone and

Hythe, is spearheading the move. He is calling on advisors to London Mayor Boris Johnson and his recently appointed chair of London food, Rosie Boycott, to rec-

ommend local produce. A meeting was held at a farm in Aldington, near Ashford, last week to highlight the move which is part of the London Food Strategy – a propos-al launched by former mayor Ken Livingstone to help farmers.

It calls for country products to be on sale in greater amounts at the capital's wholesale markets – mainly patronised by restaurants. Mr Collins contacted the London Assembly member for Bexley and Bromley, James Cleverly, who also attended the meeting. Mr Collins said: "London has

always been a big market for Kent food, but I would like to see Rent food, but I would like to see more help for local producers in London. Mr Cleverly has an important position within the government of London and we want to impress upon him how supplying more top quality, fresh

Kent food into London will be good for our farmers, and good for

London customers as well.

"Many local farmers were interested in Ken Livingtone's original proposal to create a London Food Strategy, but frustrated that little was done to make it easier for farmers and producers in the counties around London to sell their food into the capital – one of the stated aims of the strategy."

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LUCY Hall, who has just completed the first year of her creative events course at the University of Kent, had to apply to study through clearing after making a late decision to study for a degree.

She said she felt the UCAS website was helpful and told her what she needed to do and how to complete an application.

The 19-year-old said: "I believe Kent saw my poten-tial, even though my A-levels



were slightly lower than expected."
"If you don't get the grades,

or if you decide to apply last-minute, you can still succeed," she added.

"Everyone I spoke to dur-ing clearing was helpful and efficient

"It wasn't stressful at all. But I would recommend being well prepared for the day clearing starts (on Thursday), and being per-sistent does you no harm

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University's just a phone call away

If you don't get the

grades, or if you decide

to apply last-minute,

you can still succeed Lucy Hall, first-year creative arts student

TOMORROW is make or break day for 18-year-olds with the release of the A-level results.

Many students will automatically have secured a place at their university of choice – but for some their results will not be as expected and they face the prospect of clear-

ing to get their uni place.

The advice is simple: DON'T PANIC. But be prepared to make the call within hours of learning your results. Popular courses can fill up in one day, but preparation is the key.

John Slater, Canterbury Christ Church University's director of admissions, said: "If

admissions, said: your exam results are not quite what you expected, do not worry, but you do need to plan

your strategy.
"Check with your 'firm' choice to see if they have accepted you. Somet-imes you will find they lower the number of points asked for and will

still accept you. "If they are not prepared to do this, you need to check whether your insurance offer has been confirmed. If not, you need to enter the clearing process."

He said students should make a note of the courses they are interested in and start contacting the universities about them.

"Have your UCAS application number, clearing entry number and a list of your grades to hand when you telephone the university," he added.

Lecturers and students at the University of Greenwich at Medway's clearing centre were expecting a record number of calls from school and college leavers this year.

People changing their careers and mature students who want to start a degree in the new academic year also end up going through the process, the university said.

Specially trained students, including those who went through clearing, work on clearing hotlines at universities across the country.

Jessica Lewis, who set up the University of

BY JENNA PUDELEK

Greenwich at Medway's clearing centre, said: "Our aim is to give the vast majority of applicants a decision or offer during the course of their first phone call to us."

Beverley Woodhams, from the university,

aid she has matched hundreds of students to courses through clearing when their grades have been lower than they expected.

She told students not to be stressed because there are far more places to study than there are

students, she said:
"Remember, it's a buyers' market and you hold the currency."

Each year 30,000 people gain a place during clearing, which closes on Friday, September 12. UCAS said vacancies on its website will be updated continually throughout the period. At Hadlow College

Neil Lakeland said stu-

dents should not give up their dreams and there are plenty of career opportunities for those who take the time to

He said: "Entry onto our foundation degrees starts at just 80 UCAS points, with honours degrees from 160 UCAS points. This means people can still get a good degree in a land-based field and ultimately achieve a good career. Even if you can't get your first choice, I'd advise students to take a careful

look – they will be surprised at the range."

Steve Holdcroft, Canterbury's head of information, recruitment and admissions, offered further advice, including being flexible when looking at courses and picking one that is related to subjects chosen at school. He warned that places on popular courses are filled by mid-morning on results day and advised students not to delay calling.

Admissions officers are also more likely to be impressed by students who have thought about what they want and prepared questions to ask, he added.

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The big selection problem: Do you go local or for glory?

IT may not seem long since the last one finished, but the Premiership season kicks-off again this weekend.

However, living and growing up in Kent doesn't give you much opportunity to have seen top-flight football.

Gillingham has been – with the brief exception of Maidstone United's rise and fall – the only county club in the Football League. Back in the days when Grandstand's results service was the only way to find out the football scores, Gillingham were always lurking at the foot of the pyramid.

Of course, in recent years they enjoyed a bit of genuine success and rose to the heady heights of the Championship – a mere stone's throw from the Premiership.

throw from the Premiership.
Yet, normal service has been resumed with last year's relegation, dumping them back into the bottom division, a stone's throw from the world of non-league football.

I recently watched some footage of the team in pre-season training. It seemed to mainly consist of jumping over croquet hoops and running in and out of pretty coloured sticks. I can't help feeling if they spent a bit more time just playing football they might actually manage to get promoted this season.

It can be hard as a kid to know which team to give your allegiance, especially if there is no family history of supporting a club. I used to be a Liverpool supporter, like pretty well everyone else in my primary school class at the time. It was mainly because they were winning everything. In the same way as most Manchester United supporters do today. The irony was that I went to school with a

The irony was that I went to school with a big red Man United bag. My mum thought it was the right size and it was the only one they had left in the shop. I had to constantly explain the situation to confused playground adversaries which just made matters worse.

I always felt a fraud. I thought I should be supporting Gillingham because they were the closest club but let's be honest, they are rubbish. No team like that is ever going to inspire a young child to support it. The only ones that do are forced to by their parents and later on in life end up sad individuals slogging up and

down the motorway following their lower division heroes, with nothing else to fill their lives. An old friend of mine is a mad Bury FC fan.

An old mend of mine is a mad Bury FC fan. When I say mad, I don't just mean quirky. He is clinically obsessive and has alienated himself from the rest of the world; forever trapped in a lower division nightmare.

You could be the worst type of supporter (the floater). Another friend of mine is the example of this breed. He comes from Bolton, but never used to support Wanderers because they were not much better than the Gills. Sheffield Wednesday were his team, because, he said, of some tenuous family connection (and they were in the Premiership). But then he switched to Bolton when they suddenly improved. The biggest irony is that he is now a committed Gills supporter because he married a girl from the town and her dad started taking him to home games. And now he spends more time at Priestfield than I ever have. Real love perhaps?

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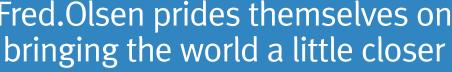
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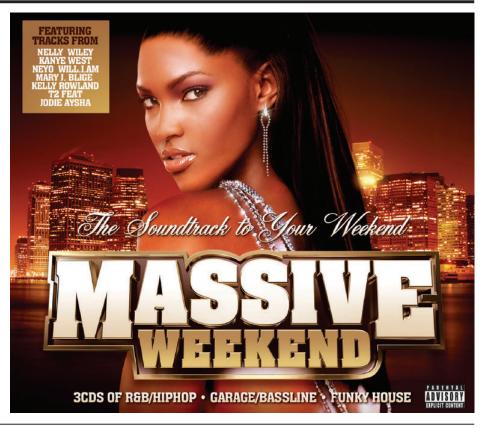
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TALK TIME

EMILY ROSEN

The owner of drama school Davdream Creative Workshops discusses the variety of dramabased work she does across Kent



Tell us a bit about yourself.

I've lived in Canterbury for seven years. I'm originally from Bedfordshire, but I came down to go to university and stayed. My family followed and now we all live in Kent.

How did you get into running your own workshops? I started out as a teacher at Fulston Manor School in Sittingbourne, I actually taught English, but drama has always been my passion. A year ago I decided to take the plunge and start my own business, which I've been building up ever since. Now I work at it full-time.

What kind of workshops do you provide?

I work in schools, and community centres as well as work for companies. And I cover a range of demographics including children, elderly people, people with mental health problems. I can tailor each workshop to the

With an elderly group, for example, I would theme the workshop appropriately: activities based around memory, music hall-style songs and comedy from the golden age of radio. I already provide workshops for Swale council, Sheppey Healthy Living Centre and Sittingbourne

Resource Centre, among others.

I offer a variety of workshops with adaptable and differentiated themes and lengths, specialising in creative, drama, team building and events workshops for all demographics. I also do Active Life workshops at the healthy living centre, which is based around drama but is actually designed to help people excercise and keep fit

What other courses are you running at the moment? I'm doing summer drama workshops for five to nine-year olds at the Horsebridge Centre, Whitstable. For details, visit my website www.daydreamcreativeworkshops.co.uk

Your Letters



Premiership has nothing on this

It was good to see people supporting their local team as the Kent Premier League campaign kicked off on Saturday.

There may not have been quite the crowd you hinted at, but the 300 who did turn up at Salters Lane watched a hard-fought match which hopefully will encourage them to return.

The Premiership may have the money, but for good old-fashioned blood-and-guts football, the nonleague game is where it is at

G Reader

Youngsters' triple football triumph

Congratulations to Faversham's under-12 footballers for winning three competitions this year after they triumphed in the Kent County FA Charter Standard five-a-side. It shows that not all young people are couch potatoes.

by email

Squawking gulls such a nuisance

You report on the mess caused by

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seagulls, but there is a more sing reason to find these birds annoying – the noise they make. The screeching of gulls, particularly early in the morning, is one of the most

irritating sounds there is and nothing is worse than waking up

Maurice Hamilton,



Newlyweds are in for a costly shock

It is good to see that not all important things are being hit by the credit crunch, as you reported last week, with weddings seemingly immune

from budget cuts.

But the problem for new couples will come when they realise how much running a

House prices are down but food and other essentials are going through the roof.

Paul Jones.

Selfish menace of untaxed drivers

Good for the police and Swale council in trying to do something about untaxed cars.

These vehicles are a menace as if one is involved in an accident there really is no comeback for any of the other parties involved.

Driving in an untaxed car is one of the most selfish actions anyone can possibly take.

Mary Blythe.



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One Winehouse is quite enough

Your blogger writes about a new waxwork of Amy Winehouse (pictured), which prompts me to ask the

prompts me to a question – why? She has done nothing to warrant any such accolade and her songs are all pretty much of an

much of an average muchness. She isn't a great role model and her antics are always far more annoying than amusing.

So what is the point of a likeness of Amy Winehouse? In fact, what is the point of Amy Winehouse at all?

Penny Haynes, by email

Statue is for all of the South

Correspondent Christine Wilson says the emblem of the south should be the Invicta white horse.

That's all very well for the

people of Kent, but I'm sure Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire would have something to say about it.

The proposed statue for Ebbsfleet is supposed to represent the whole of southern England, not just one county.

Jerry Palmer, by email



X-rated movie from X Files

Last week you carried a preview of the X Files movie.

I saw this film and, while I enjoyed it and felt it was a good continuation of the TV series, there is no way it should have been a 15 certificate. An 18 certificate would be far more appropriate for a movie

which seemed to get its inspiration from the grotesque experiments carried out in the Nazi death camps

death camps.
Fans should be aware that this film contains far darker material than the usual conspiracy theories about aliens and the odd ghost or two.

Brian Amos, by email

Best of British at Lord's, lads

Given Kent's involvement in a Lord's final this weekend, I would just like to wish the county cricket team the very best of luck against Essex.

The last time I got to see them at a Lord's final was in 1984, when they lost to Middlesex on the last ball in the NetWest Fine

the NatWest Final.
And I'm delighted to say I have tickets again for the Friends Provident Trophy showdown.

So come on, lads – go one better this year and bring home the trophy.

F Smith, by email



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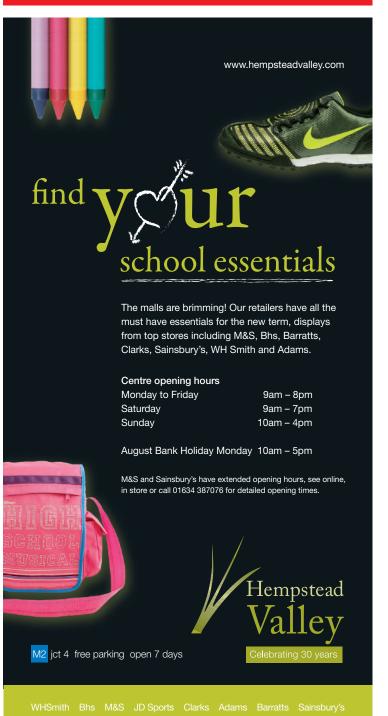
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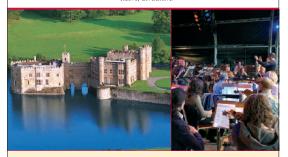






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INSPIRATION: Barry Manilow's popular songs form the basis for the new musical Can't Smile Without You, starring Chesney Hawkes

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Chesney Hawkes performs in Manilow tribute

KENT theatregoers will witness the world premiere of new Barry Manilow musical Can't Smile Without You.

Former pop star Chesney Hawkes plays the lead role in the show, which celebrates the timeless songs that have made Manilow such a wellloved performer all over the world. Featuring some of his most popular tracks, including Mandy, It's a Miracle, Could It Be Magic and the Grammy Award-winning Copacabana, it should be an unmissable treat for any fan.

The hits are strung along a story line about a young band in search of fame, who are offered the chance to audition for the latest reality TV show. Lead singer Tony (Hawkes) is given the opportunity of a lifetime when he is asked to appear on the show, but a tragic accident ruins his plans. Tony is left with no memory, just his love of music and his feelings for a girl he once knew called Mandy - with the help of these lifelines, can he get his life back on track?

Following his starring role in the 1991 film Buddy's Song, Hawkes released soundtrack song The One and Only, which became the 20th most successful single of the 90s. He has since become a songwriter and is in demand as a performer on the university circuit, as well as appearing on Channel 4's reality show The Games and ITV's Hit Me Baby One More Time



The show also stars Siobhan Dillon, who made it into the final three of BBC talent search How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria?

Barry Alan Pincus was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1943 and fol-lowing his parents' divorce he was raised by his mother Edna and her parents, who encouraged him to take up the accordion. His stepfather introduced him to jazz and swing through his extensive collection of records and gave Barry a piano for

The boy went on to perform locally before enrolling at the New York College of Music and The Juilliard School under his mother's maiden name Manilow, Edna having legally changed both their surnames by this

His 1964 marriage to childhood sweetheart Susan Diexler foundered two years later under the strain of his musical ambitions. Manilow was working as a commercial jingles writer and singer well into the 70s, including campaigns for Bowlene Toilet Cleaner, Kentucky Fried Chicken and McDonalds.

His association with singer Bette Midler began in 1970 and his debut self-titled album was released in 1973. Since then he has sold more than 76 million records worldwide and has been named the Number One Adult Contemporary Artist by industry newspaper Radio & Records. He has been the headline act at the Las Vegas Hilton since 2005, continuing to entertain fans from all over the world.

Tickets for Can't Smile Without You are priced from £21 to £33. To book call 0870 060 6620 or visit www.churchilltheatre.co.uk.

The show will also be at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, from September 8 to 13.

CAN'T SMILE WITHOUT YOU

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CORRIDOR ARTS Running until August 30 Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

THEATRE-GOERS enjoying a whole new experience, thanks to the latest Corridor Arts exhibition.

The display includes works by painter Katrina Taylor, 44, whose colourful oil paintings can be viewed at the Marlowe. Influenced by painters Peter Lanyon and Ivon Hitchens, Taylor "seeks to re-invent the beauty found in natural landscapes" by exploring colour, surface and spatial elements.

Canterbury-born artist spent much of her life in London, Brazil, Israel and Portugal before returning to home to study at the Kent Institute of Art and Design. She graduated in fine art in 1997 and now lives and works in Whitstable.

Taylor's work is being shown alongside two other



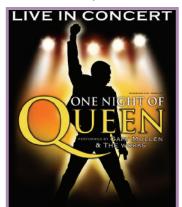
Whitstable painters, Moira Hyde and Estelle Jourd. Their work can be seen throughout the theatre and the café bar. The exhibition also includes photography by Annie Van Alphen, pot-

tery by Tony Benham and a collection of works focusing on the theme of optical illucalled The Bar Turned Upside Down.

Katrina Taylor, left, and Moira Hyde are pictured.

ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN

Thursday and Friday, August 21-22 Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury



ENJOY an evening in the company of Freddie Mercury when top impersonator Gary Mullen steps on stage.

Mullen blew the competition away when he entered the 2000 series of TV talent search Stars In Their Eyes as the Queen front man.

He went on to win the series, launching a career which has taken the former computer operator from Glasgow into a world of touring and spectacular live shows.

Renowned for his uncanny impersonation

of Mercury, from his vocal range to physical persona on stage, Mullen has even been praised by Mercury's former bandmates.

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with Mullen backed by his own band, The

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ONSLAUGHT Saturday, August 16 West Coast Bar, Margate

LEGENDARY metal band Onslaught visits Thanet for the first time this weekend, 25 years after the group first rocked the industry.

The band began life in 1983 and two years later they secured a record deal, their debut album Power From Hell becoming a hit with the emerging thrash

underground. Some of the tracks were to become thrash metal anthems, including Death Metal, which was possibly the first ever use of the term.

With new vocalist Sy Keeler, they released highly acclaimed album The Force - considered by many to be the definitive Onslaught album – and their fame went international. But when Keeler was sacked by London Records and the next, more polished album was rejected by die-hard fans, things began to dip and

the band split in 1991.
Fifteen years later they were back together and, with Keeler at the micro-phone, fans can now see

Onslaught in their full glory. Local band Panic Cell will provide the main support, while Isolation will open the

show.

Doors open at 7pm and

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SWALE LETSURE

Come to the farm for a week of country fun

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See Robin Hood and his merry men at theatre

CHILDREN can discover the man who stole from the rich to give to the poor at Arden Theatre this week.

Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow is at the theatre in Faversham from Thursday to Saturday. There will be two shows a day, starting at 3pm and 5.30pm.

Tickets cost £3 and are available from Wyn's Florist in Preston Street. Alternatively, call 01795 531600 or book online at www.ardentheatre.co.uk

Your daughter can learn to be a little princess

DRAMA teacher Emily Rosen is inviting little stars to take part in a series of workshops this summer.

Children aged five to nine can join in the Daydreams Workshops, which include acting, singing and dancing, at the Horsebridge Centre in Whitstable. The next workshop is called Let's Wish

Upon A Star Together, aimed at princesses who love songs from Disney. It will run from 9am to 11am on Monday and costs £6. Upcoming events include workshops on superheroes and legends. For details visit www.davdream creativeworkshops.co.uk

Violinist is the Mann to hear at church recital

AWARD-WINNING young musician John Mann will be returning to Canterbury to give a recital on Saturday.

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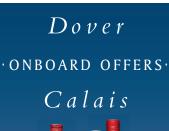
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Men should be made up by skincare products

MEN who are not afraid to show their feminine side can cleanse and moisturise on a daily basis thanks to the

turise on a daily basis thanks to the launch of a make-up range for men.
Today, Superdrug launch Taxi Man, a collection of male make-up essentials which includes Guy-Liner, already used in the celebrity world by Robbie Williams, Russell Brand and Jimmy Carr, and Manscara both priced at £6.50.

In September the line will be added to with concealer and lip balm.

Online savings that will make you jump for joy

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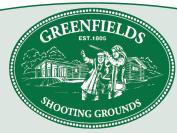
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YOUR TV REVIEW

THE SECRET MILLIONAIRE Channel 4, 9pm, Tuesday HOUSE OF SADDAM BBC Two, 9pm, Wednesday

BY TOM BETTS

DEATH, guns, chasing after villains and high-octane explosions are well and good, and we all need a bit of escapism in our lives, but we all know there's a little more to life than that really.

Every now and then it's nice to feel that television can explore avenues other than just straight forward enter-tainment which is why Channel 4's Secret Millionaire is usually such a welcome addition to the schedules.

For a show that rarely fails to be engaging, it was, admittedly, not the best of starts.

It fell to a financier James Benamor to make a difference first, but things got off to a muted beginning.

The guy with an aversion to intro-ductions (maybe not the best of attributes for this kind of thing) ditched his Lotus and the trappings of wealth for 10 days and tootled around less than perfect Moss Side in Manchester in a clapped-out Nissan.

Posing as a volunteer youth worker while looking for people to donate sizeable chunks of his £77 million fortune to, James did his best, but episode one just didn't have the emotional resource. nance of past efforts in the series and never really got going.

As it's a show that lives and dies by how many tears it can wring out of an

audience, and indeed its participants, so expect rainy faces before bedtime as we head into the next few episodes and the rest of the series.

While it wasn't the best of begin-



MONEYBAGS: Channel 4's Secret Millionaire shows just how innovative the channel can be

nings, the last run was among the best TV on our screens last year and won numerous awards

It served as a sharp reminder as to why, when they really make the effort, Channel 4 is still our most innovative broadcaster.

What makes this show all the more inspiring is watching those obscenely rich people learn more about life out-side their mansions and fawning social

set than they ever thought they would. House of Saddam has been a bit of a hoot these last few weeks as we have watched the Iraqi despot torture, rape and pillage his way to the top of the country's hierarchy in very graphic

This all has a very camp feel to it, with some very over the top acting and sets that could well have been stolen from the parking lot of the ill-fated Carry On Columbus, but has nonetheless it has been great fun watching the panto unfold.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRAN



you to act on a dream. It's never too late to realise your heartfelt desires. Some heavy flirting with a love interest could make life exciting again. If you're already in a relationship, you may want to step up your game.

. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Aqu

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
MAKING more time for pleasurable pursuits is a good idea. Lately, you've been snowed under with family responsibilities. Be ready to hand these duties to someone else so you can have some fun. Your boss may not have a clear idea of what you should be doing.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23) BUSINESS matters demand your attention. It's possible you're not being paid enough to perform a difficult job. Be ready to ask for a raise, even if it means confronting a difficult employer. They won't part with money easily, but they'll be unable to argue with your logic.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) LEARNING about a social justice issue could give you a new lease on life. You're determined to make a positive difference. Be wary of casting judgment on a relative. Their feelings are pretty fragile right now. Think back to when you could have benefited

from a compassionate attitude.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Scorpio 09067-531759

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20) YOUR detailed knowledge of a particular subject puts you in line for a promo-tion. Don't be shy about promoting

your extensive background in this area. You're far more experienced than any of your rivals. An honest talk with a partner could reveal some troubling information.

. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Pisces 09067-531763

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22) A SHORT trip to see fam-ily could be in the cards. Try not to bring up troubling incidents from the past. Don't contradict an expert. Although you have different ideas about how certain things should be done, they have spent a lifetime perfecting their own techniques.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23) YOU'RE about to assume a much more public role. It may be up to you to deliver some difficult news. Fortunately, you're able to talk about difficult subjects in a way that is compassionate and sensitive. Resist the urge to dress down an incompetent colleague.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov23-Dec21) YOU have a wonderful opportunity to put some old knowledge to use at work. Don't be surprised if you're asked to demonstrate a skill or technique. Your energy and enthusiasm make you a popular teacher. Your students will also be impressed by your versatility.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) ESTABLISHING a new routine should be your first order of business. Having a game plan is half the battle. You need to conserve your energy to handle the heavy workload ahead. Be realistic when it comes to an absent minded friend. If you need help, ask a neighbour or relative.

• To find out more about what the stars have in

store call Russell on Aries 09067-531752

CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23) THIS is a wonderful time to negotiate a better salary. You're overdue for a reward. A writing project could be a welcome outlet for bottled up emotions. Just because you can't express your true feelings in public doesn't mean you have to keep them entirely buried.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23) A FRIEND could give you a wake-up call. It's time to the change the way you think about the world. Perhaps you've been taking too pessimistic a view of life. You can create opportunities when you look at the universe as a potential packed place. You could be entrusted with secrets.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20) GAINING admittance to a school, club, or professional organisation is highly favoured. You'll have to fill out some detailed paperwork. Enlist the aid of an eagle-eyed Virgo to make sure you don't skip any important points. Listen to an expert with regard to business.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Ancient writer (5-3)
- 6 Entirely trendy drink, love (2,4)
- 9 During waltz Anderson consumed fish (6)
- 10 Reasonable allowance has a learnerís backing (8)
- 11 Form of late education (7,5)
- 13 Mark upset a Fate (5)
- 14 It is linked to offer personal protection (5-4)
- 17 Hard mineral from sink removed first by miser (9)
- **19** Bridge partners always jeer (5)
- 21 Doing a cover-up job on the walls? (12)
- 24 Gun Carol cocked gave loud ringing sound (8)
- 25 Large number of towns, oneis in South Africa (6)
- 26 Ladvís short poem? (6)
- 27 Coming from Clare, new novelist (8)

DOWN

- 2 In the group a sequoia tree! (4) 3 The Parisian maidens upsetting would-be seducer (6,3)
- 4 Speak with another player mesmerised (6)
- 5 And not said hag coming from the city (7)
- 6 New obligation did not include old boy making engraved design (8)
- 7 Goblin to start to go round and round (5)
- 8 Finds extra trouble when made immobile (10)
- 12 Card held at random by loud show-off (4-3-3)
- 15 Middle Eastern horse on lake at zoo (9)
- 16 Disappointment, dingy abode has vent for gas to escape
- **18** Breathtaking feature (7)
- 20 Fungus on beer you and I lifted up (6)
- **22** Indistinct part of old tinge (5)
- 23 Scotsman right to include brandy (4)

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- 6 Themes (6)
- 9 Openly done (6)
- 10 Snowstorm (8)
- 11 Best selling brand (6,6)
- 13 Follow (5)
- 14 Dishonest schemes (3-2,4)
- 17 Most sweltering (9)
- 19 Aquatic mammal (5)
- 21 Take unfair precedence (4,3,5)
- **24** Prosperous (4-2-2)
- 25 Hit high (6)
- 26 Unaccented (6)
- 27 Omnipotent (8)

DOWN

- 2 Commonsense (4)
- 3 Journalist (9)
- 4 Carriage pulled by an animal (6)
- **5** Picturesque display (7)
- **6** Rehearsal (5,3)
- **7** Open pie (5)
- 8 Tinned meat (6,4)
- **12** Deceptive (10)
- **15** Jazz dance (9)
- 16 One who stays up late (5-3)
- 18 Redwood tree (7)
- 20 Fine parchment (6)
- 22 Cable supporter (5)
- 23 Bodily extremities (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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Answers to all of this week's guizzes can be found on our website

CRYPTIC SOLUTION No48

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A short break is truly capital

BY **GARY WRIGHT**

WE all like London. Whatever we say about 'too many people', 'too much traffic', 'too much...' whatever, we all like it.

It is our nation's capital, there is a buzz about the place which gets to everyone and, if you don't have to work there, it's fun.

From my W1 hotel I'd been promised 'dramatic views across London's skyline' what I actually saw was an office block. But, if I leaned to the left, I could see the London Eye.

Now don't view this as a complaint. I was staying at the swish Cavendish Hotel, just off Picadilly opposite Fortnum and Masons, in west London as part of an overnight short break, which included a West End show.

The truth is, I've seen London's skyline a thousand times and the giant TV and king size bed were far more interesting. However, had I been one of the trillions of Japanese tourists who had chosen the Cavendish, I might have been a little peeved at the view.

The four-star Cavendish is a great hotel, brilliantly located — especially for the West End and all the theatres and some fantastic restaurants—and you can be staying there in the lap of luxury for a couple of hundred pounds.

But let's take a look at the short break: Firstly, London is cheaper than you think. Forget the stories of it being the most expensive capital in the world and all the other nonsense. Remember, ordinary folk do live there and they can't afford to spend ridiculous money on living just because London attracts the odd rich tourist and City boys scoring £1 million bonuses.

And secondly – an important selling factor in 2008 – is that there's a bit of a recession going on. No sorry, I mean there's a 'credit crunch', so there's less cash about, which means there are bargains galore to be had.

I kid you not. My partner and I sat outside a French restaurant just off Covent Garden (a 10 minute stroll from the hotel) on a warm evening just two weeks ago, where I tucked into the finest onion soup I've ever tasted, then steak-frites, washed down with wine, followed



NEVER FORGET: A weekend at the Cavendish Hotel, shopping and catching a show, can be cheaper than you'd think



by coffee. I said goodbye to £35 – for both of us. And what of the theatre? Well we chose to ignore the obvious Les Miserables, or the spectacularly well-received Billy Elliot, nor were we attracted by Mamma Mia!, we'd chosen to see Never Forget – the musical that brings Take That to the stage at The Sayor Theatre.

Take That to the stage at The Savoy Theatre.

My partner is a fan of the boy band and I have no shame in admitting I've absorbed the songs over the years. It really was fun, beauti-

fully produced with fine special effects.

A simple story about five lads forming a tribute band and the singer Ash (Gary Barlow character) learning love means never having to... well do anything really apart from sing and fail to save your mum's pub from repossession. But it romped along and was a great evening that had us dancing in the aisles. The Cavendish is deserving of its four-stars

The Cavendish is deserving of its four-stars and breakfast delivered to your room (an extra £21) was a great start to the day. Saturday was spent shopping of course – again be prepared for bargains on everything from trainers and shirts to Fortnum and Masons' finest.

A great weekend and the easy bit for us in Kent is driving to the O2 Arena (A2 all the way) park on a Friday afternoon (£9 until Saturday midnight) and the Jubilee Line takes you to Green Park and the hotel.

Try it, it's a great way to take in a show and sample the best of London... and it doesn't cost the earth.

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Gary Wright was a guest of Superbreak 0871 222 3055 or www.superbreak.com, offering a variety of short breaks to London.

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PROPERTY NEWS



On the junction of great opportunity

STYLISH one- and two-bedroom apartments in Maidstone will be launched by Ward Homes later this month

A total of 44 homes are being offered for sale at Maidstone Junction.

Ann Moriarty, sales and marketing director for the company said: "The proximity of the train station is a huge advantage, and whether you want to shop, relax, exercise, or go clubbing – it's all nearby. We're pricing these apartments very competitively so that first-time buyers don't have to compromise with anything less than a great lifestyle in the centre of town."

Many of the apartments have a balcony or terrace and there is an elevated courtyard on the first floor, which will be landscaped to provide an outdoor space

Home ownership is still the aim of many

DESIRE to own your own home appears to be showing no sign of abating, despite the recent falls in house prices.

New research commissioned by the New Homes Marketing Board found nine out of 10 people believe buying a home is a sensible investment in the medium or long term.

This is despite surveys from the Land Registry and Rightmove showing prices are continuing to accelerate downwards. However, the research – which was car-

However, the research – which was carried out by YouGov – reveals the economic climate, and not falling prices, is serving to stifle home-ownership ambitions.

About 60 per cent of respondents have put their plans to purchase property on hold, citing difficulties in either obtaining a mortgage or saving the larger deposits required.



GREEN STATEMENT: The next Sustainability Explored workshop takes place at the Pines Calyx venue (pictured) on September 10. Visit www.sustainabilityexplored.co.uk

Sustainable building can be achieved now

THE organisers of a number of conferences in east Kent have called on house builders to change if they are to deliver the homes needed in a world affected by everhigher fuel costs and global warming.

A series of workshops called Sustainability Explored, aimed at professionals in planning, housing, design and construction, has been staged to help them get to grips with the challenge of producing zero-carbon buildings and sustainable communities needed in Kent in the 21st century.

The workshops, sponsored by English Partnerships and the Carbon Free Group, are BY NICK AMES

being organised by social enterprise Real-Health Ventures, in the Pine Calyx venue in St Margaret's.

Jae Mather of the Carbon Free Group said: "Developers keep saying zero carbon homes are expensive to build, yet we can prove they are wrong and we'll be featuring a design which will cost only £1,100 a square metre, only marginally more costly than a conventional house being built today. What is more, they use proven technologies and can be built now. We'll be telling people how that can be done."

The idea for the workshops came from members of the Carbon Free Group of environmental businesses, who are working together to apply low-carbon building techniques

They say that to construct energy-efficient buildings, the whole industry needs to acquire new skills and understand how to use new technologies and techniques.

nologies and techniques.
"There have been a lot of developments in the
ways people think about building low carbon,
sustainable buildings, particularly homes" says
Alistair Gould of the Pines Calyx.

"Our own building is a great example, but there is a pressing need for the whole industry to really understand what is involved. These are exciting times, but also confusing with new regulations, new designs, new technologies.

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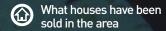






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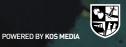
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guy, 21-27, to share fun times with
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25yr old female, 5ft8, medium-curvy build, N/S, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, WLTM tall, attractive

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Tim 26, 5ft10, enjoy going out, restaurants, pubs, cinema and cosy nights in, looking for someone tall to go out with possibly leading to relationship. Box 418077

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Attractive, 31, 54*, size 12, dark hair
with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM
intelligent, professional, attractive
guy, for a happy relationship.
Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 @ @

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Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male, 34-38, for LTR. Box 440782

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eyes, enjoys reading, cooking and
walks, WLTM a genuine and honest
male, 25-35, for fun, friendship and
maybe more. Box 443118 ①

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ANOTHER GLASS?

28yr old female, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5ft10, slim, attractive, GSOH, seeks nice gentleman for companionship and happy times.

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Petite, dark-haired, blue-eyed female, 30, fun and friendly, bright and bubbly. Bored of being single, looking for a lovely man to take me out! Box 895349 To HORSES FOR COURSES...

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32yr old teacher, 5ft, green eyes, auburn hair, enjoys theatre, cinema and music, seeking for a genuine a guy to share everything with. Box 443067 ①

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WHITE GUY REQUIRED

Pretty black female, 31, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for LTR. Chatham. Box 437778

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights in/out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041

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Brunette female, 36yrs old, single
mum, enjoys socialising, DIY,
romantic moments and family activities, WLTM a male with similar interests for friendship, maybe more.
Box 442393

Box 442393 HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey he blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

ROMANCE IS ALIVE
Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good lood, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930 🕡 🕝

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Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - n time wasters! Box 908053 • • LOVE TO LOVE YOU

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Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes,
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READ ALL ABOUT IT
Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy
blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10,
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man to share things with. Box
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MISSION: IIMPOSSIBLE? Fast approaching a winter of discontent, 46, tall, bright, could you be my log fire and toasted marshmallow? Box 918183

LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. Slim build female, 46, 5tl11, easygoing, happy natured, seeking LTR with a caring, committed man who enjoys cinema, eating out, reading, DVDs and more. Box 443216

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44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 •

SANDY SEEKS DANNY
Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair,
green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc, GSOH, seeking
trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box
440100 @
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LET'S TAKE A RIDE
Hi, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTM gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps lovel Box 440397 Ø
ON A PLATE
Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2', eyes of blue, rechead. Likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTM male for fun and friendship. Box 885928

TOGETHER, FOREVER?

Professional female, 49, brunette, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar as myself for loving relationship. Box 443198

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holiday

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CHAT'S ENTERTAINMENT
Lovely single mum, 38, 5ft4, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTM male for fun, laughter, maybe LTR. Box 372889

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Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old,
petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTM a
professional, loving, tactile male for
a relationship. Box 442551 ① ②



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Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4",
average build, hazel puppy-dog
eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker,
friendship first. Box 899694 **©**

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FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY
South African black lady, sincere,
honest, direct, loves cooking, social-ising, having lots of fun! seeking
male 40-55 for LTR. Box 443207 ♥

TOO MUCH TO ASK? Genuine female, 41, 5'3", brunette, Gerrume remale, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, music etc, seeks male, 38-42, for romance. Box 155275 **①**

CAN YOU BE MY KNIGHT
IN SHINING ARMOUR?
Young looking 40yr old, 5ff7, green
eyes, loves cinema, theatre, meals,
cosy nights in, music, DVDs, seeking honest, loyal, good-looking male
35-45 with similar interests. Box 442999 **0 0**

TAKE A CHANCE Caring, loving, attractive female N/S, size 12, enjoys keeping fit, tive female 41 most things, seeks romantic, passionate, tall, good looking male, 35-42, for LTR. Eastbourne. Box 807291 • •

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Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 ①

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Female 49, 5th, long hair, slim, likes
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55, likes cinema, walking, cooking,
socialising, seeks similar person for
friendship/more. Box 430854

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MAKE ME YOURS
Kind-hearted 57yr old sincere lady,
N/S, recently separated, seeking
kind, honest gent for friendship and
to make me laugh. Box 440637
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Vivacious, tactile, considerate
widow, 58, 5ft, smoker, well travelled, no ties, loves cruising, cooking and culture, seeks genuine,
interesting gentleman with similar
attributes/interests. Box 442988

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HOPE AND LOVE FOREVER

OTHER NAME...
Widower, early 60s, 5f4, dark
hair/eyes, medium build, non-smoking, loving, caring, no baggagel
enjoys travelling, socialising, eating
in/out, seeking similar male to enjoy
life with.Rye. Box 441177

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NEED A FRIEND?
Outgoing, friendly female, 69, 5ft2, likes going out, meals, dancing, bowls, socialising, clinema, concerts, seeking someone similar for friendship and companionship. Box 443092 ♥

443092 **① NEED YOUR LOVE**Honest lovely lady, 72, 5ft1, cuddly,
own bungalow, WLTM female to go
on walks, shopping, the seaside
and enjoy friendship with. Box
442939 **①**

Women seeking women

CUTE SMILE
Tracey, 23, 5ft2, green eyes, slim, laid-back, enjoys meals out, pubs and clubs, WLTM a similar female for a relationship. Box 443248 ① POCKING RELATIONSHIP

Fun-loving female, 28, in the Canterbury area, short brown hair, brown eyes, looking to meet funloving females for potential relation-ship. Box 889771 **①** ship. Box 889771 UCANDLELIT CUDDLES!

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40-year-old gay woman, likes nice
wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, muddy
walks and cosy nights in, WLTM
gay woman for friendship/relationship. Seaford. Box 894541



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FOR LOVE

Hard-working male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harderl likes going/eating out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752 **①**

HOW CAN YOU RESIST? HOW CAN YOU RESIST?
Down-to-earth loveable guy, 30,
518, stocky, blonde hairblue eyes,
likes the finer things in life, going
out, eating in, pubs, WLTM genuine
grif for LTR. Box 441947
GO FOR IT
Happy-go-lucky, fun loving male 31,
61, slim, likes pubs, clubs, playing
snooker, pool, seeks caring, honest
fermale, 32-44, for a lastling relationship. Box 410205
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YOU & ME
Genuine, laid-back male, 33, 6ft,
dark brown hair/brown eyes, likes
pubs, clubs, cinema, meals out,
sports, seeks genuine female with
similar interests. Box 131966 ①

SECURITY & WARMTH
I'm 35, 6ft, have a beautiful 3yr old
little girl, very honest, caring, look-

Self-employed male, 37, 6ft1, short brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, enjoy the gym, pubs, clubs, restaurants, WLTM female for long term relationship. Box 443065 © REAL MAN

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JOYPAD
Laid-back creative gent, 38, 5ft8,
medium build, short brown hair, like
films, DVDs, cinema, pubbing, computer games, keeping fit, WLTM
similar female for relationship. Box
441920

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Darren, 39, fun loving, genuine,
5f8t, medium build, average build,
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55-45, for a LTR, no time wasters
please. Box 442438 THE SPECIAL ONE?
41yr old reprise 54-41

41yr old genuine and understanding male, 5'8", short cropped hair, enjoy sports, life to the full, looking for lady, medium/large, for friendship, possibly more. Box 433635 1

BRING BACK LOVE Hi I'm Nick, 41, 5ft11, enjoy cinema, eating out, golf, WLTM similar brown-haired female for good times and lots of fun, perhaps love. Box 440769

440769 WIN A TONY
41ylo fun-loving guy, 5ft7, green
eyes, slim-medium build, easy to
get on with, honest and caring,
seeks like-minded lady to enjoy
everything and anything with.
Maidstone. Box 443105 ①

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SIMON SAYS...
Caring single dad, 41, 5'10", average build, young-looking. WLTM lady for friendship evenings out, maybe more. Recently gull smoking! E Sussex. Box 963530 ♥ ♀

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CARING
Understanding, average-looking,
romantic male, 42, grey-silver hair,
stocky, enjoys cooking, quiet nights
in, seets lemale, for romance, pos-sible more. Box 157789
OPEN ARMS
Confident male, 42, 510°, nice build,
single dad, own home, loves cook-ing, going out, sports, WLTM some-one similar to me. Maidstone. Box
411411
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LOVING AND KIND Honest and caring male, 43, 5ft10, GSOH, WLTM a black female, 28-50, with a nice figure for a committed relationship. No time wasters!

LIFETIME LOVER

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Loving, honest male, 43, slim, very genuine with GSOH, likes nights in, travelling, walks, cinema, seeks black lady for company possible relationship. Box 889284 ① ②

black lauf bil Company, relationship. Box 889284 **⊕ DOWN TO MARGATE!**Young-looking, slim male, 43yr old, 5t10, enjoys beach walks and clinema, WLTM a mature lady for a committed long term relationship.

Margate Box 441706 **⊕** mitted long term retauorismip.

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NO TIME WASTERS!

Genuine frank, 6ft, slim brown hair,

Genuine frank, 6ft, slim brown hair, green eyes, romantic and sensitive enjoys soul music, bowling, pubs and walks, WLTM a female, 33-40 for a LTR. Box 442674

for a LTR. Box 442674

CRAZY FOR YOU

Attractive, considerate man, 42, enjoys quiet nights in, socialising, movies, meals, the odd dance, seeks special lady to take out, a soulmate. Box 442191

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SEE MY G-STRING
Voung-at-heart musical male, 44, plays bass, loves punk music, poetry, looking host pooling, in the giags, poetry, looking for alternative younger woman 25-30 for something special. Brighton. Box 44(3154 ©
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TO BE LOWELY
Loving 45yr old male, loves the countryside, walks on the beach and motorbikes but not being on my own. Seeking lemate for a LTR. Sit accounts of the seek o St.Leonarus c... 5 O O SHARE THE GOOD LIFE

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE
Professional male, 45, own
home/car, likes cinemas, weekends
away, the coast, a BBQ and good
wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 426202
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NEW TO THE AREA

NEW TO THE AREA
Attractive male, 47yr old, moving to
the area shortly, WLTM a nice and
slim lady, 30-45, any race, for friendship, East Sussey Box 443995 ©
FILL BE THERE
Hello, I'm William, 61t, slim, blue
eyes, enjoys meals out, nice wine
and a good laugh, WLTM a nice and
slim lass for a relationship. Box
442325 ©
ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!
Youthful dad, 45, 510°, brown hair,
med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks,
WLTM female, 64-5, slim, top possible LTR. Cranbrook Box 737529
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HOP ON BRING ME SUNSHINE

BRING ME SUNSHINE
Young looking, romantic male, 58,
57", stim/medium build, like the
countryside, meals out, theatre, cinema, looking for a affectionate, tactile lady to share good moments.
Box 417889

SMILES ON FACES
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SMILES ON FACES
Kind male, 50, 5ft11, slim, N/S, two
boys (19 and 16), likes eating out,
visiting London, weekends! Looking
for kind, caring lady. Looks not
important. Box 425308 • •

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Cheeky young-acting male, 57, 5ft4, blue eyes, active, adventurous, seeking similar lady for healthy fun/games... Box 443100 **① ②** HERE I AM

Affectionate male, 62, 5ffb, blonde, green eyes, affactive lady, likes playing bridge, cinema, holidays, restaurants, seeke genuine man. Box 430590 ⊕ P. MISS BEING CUDDLED Hi I'm John, 67yrs old, 5ff11 and overweight, dance quite well, read a lot, like most things, miss being cud-diedt, looking for that special lady! Box 888992 ⊕ P.

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2 OF A KIND
Easygoing and laid-back male, 44yr
old, medium build, 5ff9, WLTM a
similar male for friendship and
hopefully romance. Brighton. Box
442143 442143 **©** RUGBY PLAYER BUILD Tonbridge male, 47, brown hair, green eyes, GSOH, likes to keep fit, looking for a good, hopefully a lasting relationship Age/looks not important Box 428615

DINNER FOR TWO?

Lonely caring male, 56, enjoys many interests: drinks, socialising, wine, good food, looking to meet similar male with GSOH for lasting relationship. Box 442804 •



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KAP Motor Group enjoyed a 'dream launch' for its new £3 million Peugeot/Nissan site at Ashford Orbital Park over the weekend, according to MD Graham Furneaux.

Though coy about the number of cars sold, the figure was twice that expected and added up to a good mix of new and used cars as well as smaller models now attracting cash-strapped buyers.

"There's a lot negativity around, but if the deal is right then this proves you can do business," said Mr Furneaux.

"We many existing customers from our Folkestone site, but new faces too."



Cherokee changes tact with upmarket styling

JEEP revolutionised its UK image with the original Cherokee and aims to revitalise the model name with an all-new car this month, riding on a new suspension and steering system for better on-road manners. Jeep says the Cherokee is moving

Jeep says the Cherokee is moving upmarket too with a leather interior, heated front seats with memory adjustment, climate control, electric windows and cruise control all as standard.

The newcomer, priced from £24,595, has an optional 'Sky Slider' powered full-open canvas roof 2.5 times the size of a regular support



Ford boss predicts that Ka Two will be a big hit

FORD'S all-new Ford Ka will echo the look of the big-selling original when it goes on sale in November after a joint project with Fiat.

Ford of Britain boss Roelant de Waard said: "The original has been a huge hit in the UK with a sales record of more than 480,000 – 80 per cent of which have been to retail customers, and many of those first-time buyers. I'm confident the latest design will prove just as big a hit."



NEW LOOK: Like the original, the new '6' is sizeable, but now looks sleeker and feels lighter thanks to Mazda's obsession with shedding weight, helping the car grip and run true on bends

Mazda hits drivers with yet another stunning '6'

TOPPING a big hit is fraught with risk, but Mazda has taken its chance well with the latest Mazda6.

The original car saved the Japanese brand: it was spacious, stylish, good to drive and affordable, but it could be noisy.

The new car (from £15,110) is far more

The new car (from £15,110) is far more refined, even if the 2.0-litre diesel Sport tested here can be raucous.

Like the original, the new '6' is sizeable, but now looks sleeker and feels lighter too thanks to Mazda's new obsession with shedding weight, helping the front-driven car grip and run true on the bends.

Ride quality has also been balanced to deliver both driving enjoyment and comfort.

With a well-spaced six-speed gearbox, even the diesel feels relaxed on the motorway, despite wind noise at high speeds.

Though the '6' gave Mazda an important opening into the business sector, Kent motor group Drake & Fletcher – the donor of our test car – reports that sales to private buyers are currently 10-15 per cent up compared with the old car.

This suggests that the Mazda6 'product' and

ROAD TEST

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

status of the 'Zoom Zoom' brand have moved upmarket – reflected by strong second-hand values for the first generation car – and that many buyers like the idea of a greener family-size model rather than downsizing their car choice.

All engines have been carried over from the old car, but tweaked to cut CO2 emissions, fuel consumption and road tax.

The cabin is airy and well-arranged with excellent head and legroom front and back and the part leather seats of our Sport model were comfortable and supportive.

Interior materials feel more solid now, even if the 'alloy' grey plastic sometimes looks what it is rather than what it pretends to be.

The controls and dashboard are logical though, while the large saloon and hatchback boot and the estate's load space echo what went before.

Mazda's one-lever-does it all 'Karakuri' rear seat folding mechanism has also yet to be bettered – there's no messing about with seat belts and head rests to flatten the load floor.

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LOOKING for a car that does it all? Start shopping for a family hatchback; it seats five, can be crammed like a small van and represents a good balance of space, flexibility and economy... providing you don't go for the 'hot hatch' version. Family hatches dominate the UK top ten - all three of our recommendations are regulars - and the end product needs to be good to compete at all against talented opposition. Market clout helps, of course, but this trio deserves to be there on merit too – check out the profiles below...

FORD FOCUS



BRITAIN'S favourite car. Or is it? Some say it's number one through Ford's formidable market share. Fair point, but the Focus is also great to drive, practical, well-made and blessed with good engines. For second-hand buyers there is a fantastic choice of power - including the rapid ST – trim levels and body styles: a smart saloon and estate plus a coupé convertible. The car's popularity and ordinary looks are a weakness though and reason enough for some buyers to look elsewhere.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

VAUXHALL ASTRA



SUFFERS like the Focus from being a common sight, thanks to its lofty new car top-ten sales position. But nobody could accuse the Astra of being dreary looking; Renault Megane aside, it is the most sharply-styled family hatchback on sale. Vauxhall has also differentiated between the three-door model and the five-door workhorse. There is a longer wheelbase estate too. Engine options, including impressive Fiat-derived diesels, are some of the best in the business.

STAR QUALITY

VW GOLF



IT costs extra to get into a Golf, signalling the power of a more premium bonnet badge. Highly-regarded diesels also keep used prices up, while the GTI hot hatch lends glamour to the whole range. Interior quality and ambience is top-notch too and the driving experience is possibly best in class. That said, the Golf suffers from fairly dull styling and some buyers might be tempted by sexier and cheaper used rivals such as the Citroën C4 and Megane.

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206, S 3dr, 4656314, air conditioning, CLIO, Campus Sport 16v 3dr, power steering, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, lumbar support, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, rear wash/wipe metallic paintwork, multiple airbags. electric front windows, cd player, aluminium silver, 10000 miles, £7495,

206, S 5dr, NoSino, anti-heft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seass, metallic paintwork, abs, air bag, adjustable steering column, muti-function steering wheel, electric front windows, electric front windows, electric windows, air conditioning, of player, aluminium silver, 18000 miles, 56995, Automatically Psy Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE) 206. S 5dr. fv05lno. anti-theft system.

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206, VERVE SW, yx56rxp, central locking, immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, privacy glass, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat folding rear seats, roof rails, rear coded body, multiple airbags, abs, power steering, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, delivery miles only!, iron grey, £9995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030

206, GTI 3dr, ys52nca, remote central power steering, abs, air bag, auto lighting, colour coded body, metalli naintwork, air conditioning, electric indows, uk supplied, 16" allovs. blue, 52000 miles, £4999, Ma ne 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

406. GLX TURBO DIESEL. 1998 (r). 98 406, dtx 10HBU DitsEtt_, 1998 (f), 9t (f) peugeot 406 2.1 glx turbo diesel 5 door saloon, diamond white coachwork, service history, mot may 08, air con, ew x 4, em, pas, air bags, alloy wheels, only 1 former keeper. a snip at £1495 Riviera Car Sales, e, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

406, RAPIER 2.0 SALOON, 2002 (02).

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50367218, immobiliser, remote central locking, alloy wheels, tempest blue, 6976 miles, £6295, Lifestyle Renau Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446514

CLIO. Campus Sport 16v 3dr. lv06vkn immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, sports seats, folding rear seats, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, front fog lamps, colour coded body, multiple airbags, abs, trip computer, power steering, adjustable steering column, electric windows, radio cassette, uk specification, uk supplied, alloy wheels, mercury silver 16328 miles, £5995, Lifestyle Renault.

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CRUISING is said to be the fastest growing sector in UK travel with more than 1.5 million UK residents expected to board a ship this year – more than double the number from 10 years ago.

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It will take place in the Corn Exchange in The Pantiles in Tunbridge Wells on September 7 from 11am until 3pm. There will be 25 different cruise brands present.
With more cruises heading out of

Dover next year more people are expected to choose the convenience of international travel from the South East coast.

UK tax breaks attract research businesses

BRITAIN is highly attractive for research and development activities according to a detailed study of tax costs in 35 cities in 10 countries around the conducted by International.

Top of the table was the Netherlands, followed by Canada, with UK in third place. Brian Jackson, partner and head of tax at KPMG in Gatwick, which covers Kent, said: "It is very encouraging to ee the UK ranked so much ahead of key

European and global competitors. "The R&D tax incentives available to businesses in this country are indeed very attractive."

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Expert advice on the credit crunch. See the business channel

Unlock your potential with finance scheme

A VITAL financial resource for small firms is being overlooked, according to a recent report.

Two out of every three UK accountants say the Small Firms Loan Guarantee Scheme is an attractive form of finance for business clients – but clients don't use it enough, according to an independent study.

In fact, the problem is not confined to just the clients says Venture Finance, which has an office in Canterbury – on a regional basis, half of accountants surveyed throughout London and the South were actually unaware of the scheme.

The scheme provides guarantees against loans of up to £250,000 for companies with minimal business assets or a lack of security, making it a vital resource for many businesses. In April the Government announced major changes to the rules.

It made the scheme open to many more

businesses by increasing the turnover level up to £5.6 million, with Chancellor Alastair Darling also announcing a 60 per cent increase in scheme funding.

Despite these changes which should work to the benefit of UK businesses, it seems that there is a still a huge number unaware of it, suggesting that there is still has a lot of work to let people it's available.

Tim Bourner, business development manager of Venture Finance in Canterbury, said: "As the first independent invoice fin-ancier to be authorised as a lender of the scheme, we have witnessed first hand the positive impact this injection of funds can

"Given the benefits it can give, and the recent improvements that have been introduced, it's disappointing that so many still don't know about it.

"Nearly a fifth of the accountants we spoke to are already recommending the scheme and it would be great to see this fig-

ure grow.
"As one of the key sources of financial advice to businesses there is a real opportunity for accountants to play an important role in providing unbiased guidance on funding options and support throughout

BY TONY PATEY

the scheme application process." Venture Finance is an award-winning invoice financier, which has helped thousands of clients across the UK, from startups to businesses in the £200m turnover

Basically, the scheme is for small to medium-sized enterprises, which need funds but can't get a conventional loan because they don't have assets to offer as security.

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vides lenders with a government guarantee against default in certain circumstances.

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Twenty20 World Cup perfect showcase for ladies



WAY FORWARD: Edwards feels Twenty20 cricket will help the women's game grow

Charlotte Edwards believes the global success of Twenty20 cricket can help increase the profile of the women's game and encourage more

girls into the sport.

The 28-year-old, who has led England to back-to-back Ashes victories, will captain her side in the inaugural women's Twenty20 World Cup next summer, with the final played before the men's showpiece at Lord's.

If they could reach the final it

would, according to Edwards, allow the England players to showcase their skills in front of millions of fans. She said: "It is a dream come true for us really as it is a great time to

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BY **GLENN PEARSON**

showcase the women's game on a global scale. We are excited to think that maybe we could get to a semifinal and then the final and play before the men's game, it would be a great occasion for everyone.

"We have a lot to play for before then, but ultimately that is what we

are all playing towards.
"Twenty20 has really caught on and it is the question I am asked most about at the moment, along with the Indian Premier League.

IPL so I won't have to worry about money for the rest of my life, but it is exciting times in cricket at the moment for men and women.

"Next year with the Twenty20 World Cup being here is brilliant and hopefully that money will come streaming in."

The England team, which also includes Kent players Lydia Greenway and Lynsey Askew, comprehensively won the first of five One-Day Internationals against South Africa at the St Lawrence Ground on Wednesday. Edwards took 2-10 to help put England 2-0 up in the series as South Africa were thrashed by 225 runs at Lord's on Friday.

England youth lose battle with weather

RAIN disrupted both England under-19 internationals against New Zealand played at the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury.

The hosts got off to a good start in the best-of-five match series, winning the first match by six wickets on Friday.

The players went off three times for rain and once for bad light, but captain Tom Westley hit an unbeaten 46 to see England home with seven balls to spare.

In the second game a day later only 44 overs were possible, with England on 231-8 when play was washed out.

James Goodman, the only Kent youngster in the 14-man squad, missed out on selection for both matches

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England cricket captain Charlotte Edwards talks about the impact of Twenty20

ECB's sticky wicket

KENT captain Rob Key has criticised the England and Wales Cricket Board's

pitch panel system after they took no action against Durham on Friday.

The rain affected County Championship match finished early on the third day, with 40 wickets falling for item 465 mass. just 465 runs.

The ECB convened a pitch panel to inspect the wicket, but after interviewing the umpires and both captains they decided to take no action.

Key said: "I don't expect [the ECB] to change their decision.

"I expect them to hopefully learn from it, I don't think this panel is the way





DAY OF DESTINY: Kent have not contested a Lord's final since 1998 and captain Rob Key (above) is hoping for victory in Saturday's game against rivals Essex

Key knows importance of place in Lord's final

KENT will attempt to put the disappointment of last month's Twenty20 finals defeat behind them when they contest their first Lord's final in 11 years on Saturday.

The Spitfires play Essex Eagles at the home of cricket for the 50-over Friends Provident Trophy. It is the first time Kent have contested a Lord's final since losing to Surrey in the 1998 Benson & Hedges Cup.

It will also be the first time captain Rob Key has played in a Lord's final after 10 years at Kent and he believes the long wait heightens the importance for the county.

He said: "I think it does mean more. The first

time around you don't quite know what to expect. We would rather get on with the game but you have quite a lot of build-up.

"Along with the Twenty20 finals day it's the biggest day of the year. I don't think many of our side have played in a Lord's final, it's quite

a special time."

The prospect of making the final seemed dis-

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BY **DAVID PRITCHARD**

tant at the beginning of the competition as Kent lost their first two matches in the group stage.

Even qualifying for the quarter-finals looked unlikely at that stage, but Key's side reeled off five successive wins to take them through to the last eight.

Confidence

The Spitfires skipper picked out Justin Kemp's 68 from 79 balls against Sussex as the turning point which began their charge to the final.

He said: "We didn't know what was going on

at the start, on paper we knew we were a good side so it was a bit worrying.

"I think Justin Kemp's innings against Sussex, which got us home for our first win, was a big moment and then we went straight to the Oval and beat Surrey, that's when we started to believe how good we were.

"No matter how good the team is you do lose confidence with defeats, but Justin turned it

round pretty quickly for us."

Tight bowling at the death saw Kent past Somerset at Beckenham to reach the last four. Martin van Jaarsveld, who has been in terrif-

ic form this season, helped Kent dominate the semi-final at Durham. The South African hit 122 not out as the defending champions were

comfortably beaten by 84 runs.

Saturday's game will be the sixth time Kent have met Essex this season. The Spitfires have the edge with three wins to two, but the final is

predicted to be a close affair.

They last met at the Rose Bowl on Twenty20 finals day last month, with Kent winning by

Demand for tickets at the St Lawrence Ground was high when they went on sale last month, with the Spitfires applying for an extra allocation after selling the initial batch of 4,000.

· For all the latest from Lord's, log on to www.kentnews.co.uk on Saturday.

• Email sports@kosmedia.co.uk

Lilywhites are given a fright by new boys

NEWLY-PROMOTED Norton Sports proved they can cope in the Kent League, despite suffering an agonising defeat away to neighbours Faversham in their first-ever fixture at this level.

The derby was settled by a goal from Lee Shearer after 16 minutes, but that only hints at the drama that unfolded in front of the league's biggest crowd of the

Ironically Salters Lane is the closest Norton will come to a home game all season.

Jugular

Forced to ground share with Herne Bay after winning promo-tion from the county league last season, they seemed initially overawed by the occasion.

Town nearly took the lead on the quarter-hour, when Jamie Sparks reached the byline and cut the ball

Norton scrambled it clear, but from the ensuing corner Town skipper Shearer put the home side

Yet Faversham failed to go for the jugular, allowing Norton to play themselves back into the game.

On 25 minutes, Darren Slatter

Brickies need to block

up defensive frailties

FOOTBALL

■ BY FRED ATKINS

Faversham Town 1 **Norton Sports 0**

headed just over the bar and in the second half Norton continued to produce the better football.

Sean Hettersley was brought on for Aaron O'Leary as Town tried to turn the tide, but on 65 minutes Norton's Harry Goodger was brought down in the penalty area and referee Neil Baker pointed to the spot.

Goodger picked himself up to take the penalty, but his shot was steered round the post by Faversham keeper Kevin Readings.

Soutan shot just wide with 20 minutes to go, before Goodger had a shot scooped clear, with opposition players and fans screaming it had crossed the line.

The visitors' frustration was compounded when James Brincat, the last defender, was sent off with 10 minutes to go, for bringing down Dane Luchford as he bore down on the Norton goal.

Next up for Norton is a home

game against Beckenham Town on Saturday, while Faversham host Horsham YMCA in the FA Cup. • Email sport@kosmedia.co.uk



DERBY DAY: A big crowd turned out at Salters Lane to watch Faversham Town (right) take on Norton Sports who were making their first-ever appearance in the Kent League

Crash can't stop Byrne from extending his lead

FOOTBALL

IF you're after mundane, low-scoring football, Bourne Park is unlikely to be your venue of choice in the 2008/09 season. Sittingbourne concluded their

pre-season programme with a 3-3 draw at Redbridge on Saturday, with a display that highlighted their attacking potential and exposed their defensive frailties.

We scored three of the best goals you'll ever see," manager Gary Abbott told Yourswale, "but the goals we let in were just a joke. Redbridge were a good test for us – they got into the play-offs last year and only lost on penalties in the final.
"We're definitely going to score

goals, but I've had eight or nine centre halves here in pre-season and they've just not been good enough.

Abbott will make changes before Saturday's season opener at home to Kingstonian. He said: "Ian Varley will definite-

ly be back and I've got a chance to get someone from Ramsgate on loan so I'll probably do that. They've got too many centre halves there and they're all about 6ft 4in, which is what we need."



CONCERN: Abbott needs defensive cover

Up front Richard Brady, Tom Bradbrook and Elie Kayembe all impressed, the former scoring Sittingbourne's seventh-minute

opener from an acute angle.
Redbridge drew level eleven
minutes later, but a wonderful
volley by Billy Manners restored Sittingbourne's lead.
Eight minutes after the break

Redbridge equalised again after Sittingbourne dithered on the edge of the box and four minutes later they took the lead, but Bradbrook earned the visitors a draw when he outpaced the defence and

looped in the equaliser.

The Brickies begin the new season at home to Kingstonian on Saturday.

MOTORCYCLING

SHANE 'Shakey' Byrne was taken to hospital following a high-speed crash while leading the second race in round eight of the British Superbike Championship at Knockhill on Sunday.

The Sheppey rider battled with both dry and wet conditions at the Scottish circuit, but he brought out the red flag for the second time in race two with a high-speed accident.

Byrne had been leading Honda's Leon Haslam in the restart of a wet race two before losing control of the Ducati at the

Seat curves.
Byrne was taken to hospital, but did not lose consciousness during the impact with the barriers. He said: "I got a really good start and knew that I needed to

get away as early as possible.

"I was feeling comfortable, but saw from my pit board that the gap to the guys behind was up and down all the time.

"I came into turn one and as soon as I touched the brake I was down. It was a really strange crash because everything felt normal up until that point.



TOUGH LUCK: Shane Byrne was taken to hospital after his crash at Knockhill

"I'm feeling sore, but I'll be back training in a couple of days preparing for Cadwell Park."

However, despite the accident and his first retirement of the season, Byrne extended his lead in the championship to 110 points after taking second-place in race one behind Suzuki's Tom Sykes.

Byrne will be back in action at round nine at Cadwell Park on

LISA DOBRISKEY'S DOBRISKEY Middle distance runner Lisa Dobriskey is competing in the Olympic 1500m later this month. Throughout the next fortnight the Ashford-born athlete will be sending exclusive regular updates from Team GB..

THINGS are starting to brighten up in every sense of the word. The weather has improved after yesterday's typhoon, I slept well last night and today is my rest day and the start of the Games.

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My coach arrived here yesterday and I've spent most of the day with him. It does feel strange knowing the Olympics are almost starting and I'm not going to be there for another week.

Saturday, August 9

I HAD my final big track session this morning and I'm pleased to say it went really well. The weather has picked up now and it was 40 degrees on the track and very

humid so perfect preparation for Beijing. We watched the opening ceremony here last night and it was strange seeing every-thing start and still being so far away.

The hotel staff made a huge cake to share with all those left behind so we had a little party of our own. It was exciting seeing it all and knowing I'll be there soon, although it's also a bit nerve-wracking.

I've been out into the centre of Macau this afternoon to try and stay in the heat

and humidity to acclimatise.

It was nice to have a look around, as although I compete and train in lots of places \bar{I} rarely see anything other than the hotel and the track.

iday, August 10

I HAD a long run this morning which went well although I struggled with the humidity slightly and the heat was quite energy sapping. I have had physio and a massage this afternoon and the rest of the day has been spent relaxing by reading and watching the Olympics on TV. A lot of the team leave for Beijing tomor-

row morning and my roommate leaves on Tuesday, so I imagine things will start to feel a bit lonely.

I'm training twice tomorrow so have got a

slightly more eventful day to look forward to.



• If you would like to leave Lisa a good luck message during the Olympics, email sports@kosmedia.co.uk.

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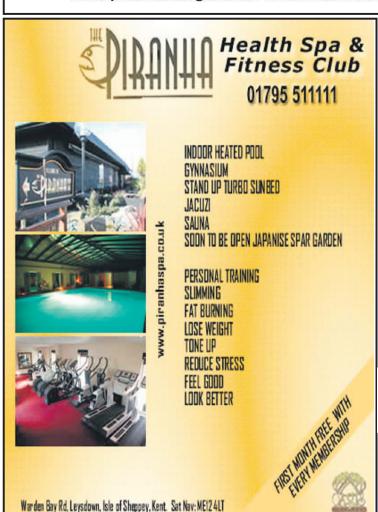
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Research at Greenwich

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- A potential treatment for multiple sclerosis developed by the University of Greenwich in association with Kings College London has begun clinical trials.
- The university has won its third Queen's Anniversary Prize, for its participation on Tabeisa, an innovative project to reduce poverty in Africa.
- The health of pregnant women and people suffering form HIV and malnutrition in the developing world could be improved by a project to develop low-cost, nutritious foods.
- An initiative led by the University of Greenwich's Natural Resources Institute in close partnership with organisations in five African aims to boost the incomes of small-scale African farmers by linking them to new markets.
- Scientists at the university are playing a key role in a £28 million project with the European Space Agency todevelop the metals of the future.
- The award Winning Carbon8 (a spin-out company for the university's School of Science) has developed an elegant and green way to deal with contaminated land and industrial waste.



Student finance

Your time at university should be enjoyable and rewarding, and it is important that it is not spoilt by unnecessary financial worries.

The great thing to remember about student loans is that you don't have to pay anything back until you have left university and are earning over £15,000 a year. For example, someone earning £20,000 a year would only pay back £8.65 a week.

In addition to government-funded loans, student may also be eligible for certain bursaries, scholarships and funds offered by the university.

To find out more, log on to www.gre.ac.uk/finance

Freshers' Week

This is the best opportunity to meet new people and is always an exhilarating week, jam packed full of activities and events for all students.



Throughout the week there are exciting daytime activities, as well as various themed events in Students' Union bars in the evenings. Some of our previous daytime activities have included bowling, go-karting, boat trips, pitch and putt and barbecues, while night-time events have consisted of pub quizzes, karaoke and school discos – so don't forget to bring your old uniform!

There is also a Freshers' Fair where all of our sports teams and societies, as well as various student-friendly businesses, welcome the new freshers' to university life. Freshers' Week ends with the Freshers' Ball, so students see out the week in style!

Student profiles



"The Medway Campus has a great community feel and a really friendly atmosphere. My programme has taught me specific skills, such as essay writing, which have prepared me for next year."

Ruby Aidoo - Foundation Year, BSc Hons Science (Extended)

"The specialised programme options and attractive location made Greenwich a natural choice for me. The best thing about the university is the inspiring setting and being surrounded by history."

Guile Fortune Ballou - Final Year, BA Hons International Business



"The support network here on campus is one of the best things about the university. My tutors are very approachable and the library staff are always helpful."

Liam Smyth - Year 2, BA Hons English and Creative Writing

"I came to the University of Greenwich because of its reputation. The best thing about my programme is that it's really hands-on and the staff are very approachable: I can pop in to see them anytime."

Hussain Ismail - Year 3, MPharm Pharmacy



"The best thing about the university is meeting people from all different cultures. The Students' Union puts on student nights, which are great for getting to know new people."

Gokhan Cemal - Year 1, BA Hons Business Management

"I am part of the American Football team at the Avery Hill Campus. I really enjoyed the Freshers' Fair in my first week. It showed me all the clubs and societies on offer."

IMERU Spence - Year 1, BA Hons Childhood Studies

Subject areas by Campus

Subjects	Greenwich	Avery Hill	Medway
Accounting and Finance	1		
Agriculture and Food Sciences			/
Architecture and Construction	/	1	
Art and Design	/	1	
Business - General	/		/
Business - Human Resources	/		
Business - International	/		
Business - Management			/
Chemistry			1
Computing – General	/		1
Computing – Information Technology	/		1
Computing – Internet	/		1
Computing – Networking and Systems	/		/
Computing and Mathematical Sciences	1		-
Continuing Professional Development	1	/	/
Criminology	/	/	
Development Studies	•	•	/
Drama and Performing Arts	/		•
Environmental Science	1		/
Economics	/		
Education – General	7	/	
Education - General Education - Primary		1	
		1	
Education - Secondary		· ·	,
Engineering – Civil			/
Engineering – Electrical and Electronic			./
Engineering – General			•
Engineering – Mechanical			/
English	/		
Events Management	/		
Geography			✓
Health - General	/	1	
Health - Nursing and Midwifery		1	
Health - Social Care		1	
Health - Therapies		1	
Health and Safety		1	
History	/		
Landscape and Gardens		1	
Language and Culture	/		
Law	/		
Maritime Studies	/		
Marketing	/		
Mathematics and Statistics	/		
Media	1		
Multimedia	1	1	1
Nutrition			1
Pharmacy			1
Philosophy	/		
Politics	/		
Psychology and Counselling		1	
Public Relations	1		
Science - Biomedical			/
Science - Biosciences			/
Science - General			/
Science - Pharmaceutical			1
Sociology	/		•
Sports – General	1	/	1
Sports - General Sports - Science			/
Tourism	/		
Youth and Community	-	/	/
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Where are we?

The University of Greenwich offers a wonderful environment in which to study and live. The university is spread across three campuses.

Medway Campus is located in Chatham Maritime, Kent. The Campus is only a short walk from the town centres of Chatham and Gillingham and a just a 45 minute train journey away from the centre of London.

Greenwich Campus is situated on a World Heritage Site on the banks of the River Thames. The campus is a short walk away

from the local railway stations and Greenwich Park.

Avery Hill Campus is situated in Eltham, south-east London. The campus has two sites, a few minutes' walk apart and is set in the 86-acre Avery Hill Park.

The university provides a coach service that operates between all three campuses.





